

# CONAIR®



**PROFESSIONAL GARMENT STEAMER**

Model CGS18A

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

When using electrical appliances, especially when children are present, basic safety instructions should always be followed, including the following:

Polythene bags over product or package may be dangerous. To avoid danger of suffocation, keep this wrapper away from babies and children. This bag is not a toy.

**DANGER:** When the unit is used in a bathroom, unplug it after use since the proximity of water presents a hazard even when the unit is switched off.



**WARNING:** Do not use this appliance in or near bathtubs, showers, basins, or other vessels containing water.

- Do not immerse in water or other liquids.
- Do not reach for an appliance that has fallen into water. Unplug immediately.
- Take care to avoid contact between the hot surfaces of the unit and the skin, paying particular attention to the face, neck and hands.
- This appliance is not intended for use by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety.
- Children should be supervised to ensure that they do not play with the appliance.

**IMPORTANT:** Always unplug the appliance when not in use or before cleaning. Do not leave unattended when plugged in or switched on. Do not place on any heat-sensitive surface and always allow to cool before storing away.

- Do not use any attachments other than those supplied by Conair Australia Pty Ltd.
- Use this appliance only for its intended use as described in this instruction booklet.

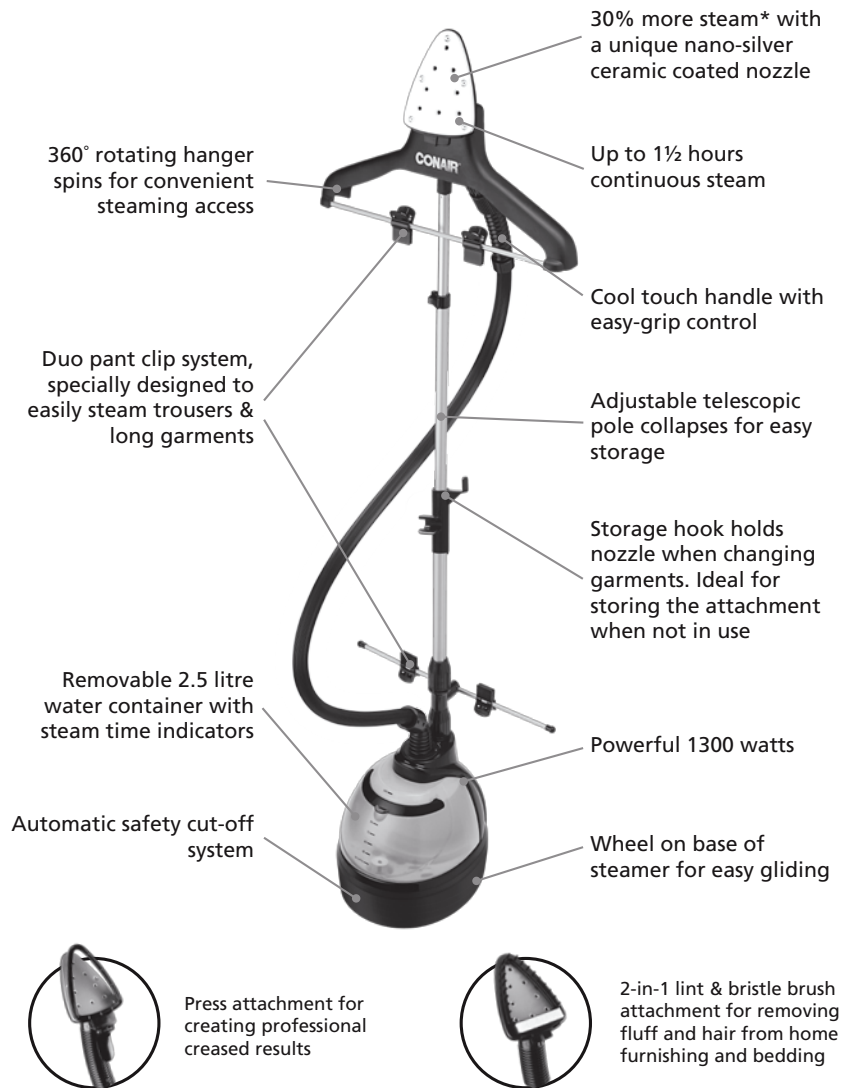
- This appliance is not intended for commercial use.
- Never drop or insert any object into an opening or hose.
- Do not use if unit has been dropped or damaged.
- Do not use outdoors or operate where aerosol (spray) products are being used or where oxygen is being administered.
- Keep the cord away from heated surfaces.
- Never yank the cord to disconnect from the power outlet, instead grasp plug and pull to disconnect.
- Never operate this appliance if it has a damaged cord or plug, if it is not working properly, or if it has been dropped or damaged, or dropped into water. Do not attempt to repair the appliance. Incorrect reassembly or repair could cause a risk of fire, electric shock, or injury to persons when the appliance is used. If the supply cord is damaged, it must be replaced by the manufacturer, its service agent or similarly qualified persons in order to avoid a hazard.
- After use do not wrap the cord around the appliance as in time this may cause the cord to fracture. Coil cord loosely around the appliance in storage.
- While it is not recommended, if an extension cord is absolutely necessary, a 15 amp rated power cord should be used. Cords rated for less amperage may overheat. Care should be taken to arrange the power cord so that the cord cannot be pulled or tripped over.
- Always ensure that the voltage to be used corresponds to the voltage marked on the unit.
- For additional protection, the installation of a residual device (RCD) with a rated operating current not exceeding 30mA is advisable in the electrical current supplying the bathroom and other parts of the home. Ask your installer for advice.

**CAUTION:**

- Do not operate steamer without correctly filling the water container.
- Do not overfill the steamer, since it can cause hot water to boil out and burn.
- Never pour water directly into the reservoir. Put water only in water tank.

- Only use clean cold water for filling this appliance. In hard water areas, we recommend the use of distilled water.
- Always keep the hose and nozzle elevated above the water container.
- Before unit is turned on, the hose must be extended, and then place it in the hook.
- Do not place the steam nozzle directly onto any surface or on the appliance power cord while it is hot or plugged in.
- Use caution when changing the attachments, as they may have hot water or condensation on them from the nozzle. Attachments should never be placed on the nozzle when in use or preheating. Always ensure the steamer is switched off and the nozzle has cooled down before changing the attachments.
- Attachments may get hot during use. Allow them to cool before storing.
- When emitting steam, this appliance may cause burns if it is used too close to the skin or eyes, or if it is used incorrectly. To reduce the risk of contact with hot water emitting from the steam vents, test appliance before use by holding it away from the body.
- Do not steam garments while on a person.
- Burns could occur from touching hot metal parts, hot water or steam. Use care when you turn steam appliance upside down – there may be hot water in the reservoir.
- Use caution when carrying steamer, as it contains hot water.
- Hose will be hot when in use. Avoid prolonged contact to avoid burns.

## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR STEAMER



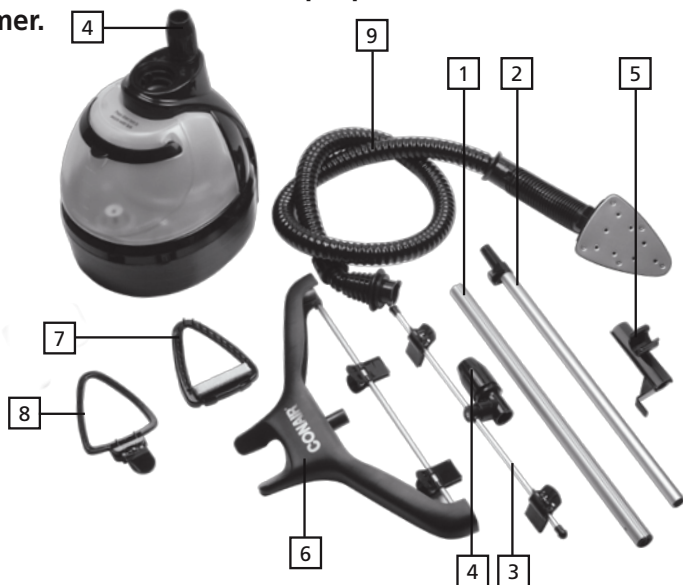
\*compared to a traditional T nozzle.

## STEAMER ASSEMBLY

The garment steamer comes in several parts:

1. Telescopic pole
2. Extendable telescopic pole
3. One metal rod with pant clip system
4. Two grooved plastic connectors (one is attached to the base of the steamer and the other is attached to the metal rod with pant clip system)
5. One round plastic connector/storage hook
6. One 360° rotatable hanger with pant clip system
7. 2-in-1 lint and bristle brush attachment
8. Press attachment
9. One double insulated hose + cool touch handle + triangular shaped nozzle

**NB - The metal rod with pant clip system (3.) is attached to the telescopic pole (1.). Ensure you remove the metal rod with pant clip system (3.) from the telescopic pole (1.) before assembling the steamer.**



## **Assembling the Telescopic Pole, Pant Clip System and 360° Rotatable Hanger**

**Step.1** Unscrew existing grooved connector from the base of the steamer (Fig.A) and place aside.



(Fig.A)

**Step.2** Insert telescopic pole (1.) (with open hole facing down) into receptacle in base of the steamer (Fig.B). Slide the pole into the base of the steamer and twist into place, and then push the pole down as far as it can go, until it clicks into place.



(Fig.B)

**Step.3** Slide grooved connector back onto the steamer by sliding over the top of the pole.

**NB - the larger circle of the grooved connector should be facing down.**

Slide to the bottom of the pole and then screw tightly into place (Fig C).



(Fig.C)

**Step.4** Take the metal rod with pant clip system (3.) and unscrew the grooved connector. Place grooved connector aside. (Fig.D)



(Fig.D)

**Step.5** Place the metal rod with pant clip system over the top of the pole on the garment steamer.

NB - The pant clips on the metal rod should be at the back of the garment steamer.

Slide the metal rod down the pole until it is positioned in the middle (Fig.E).



(Fig.E)

**Step.6** Place the grooved connector over the top of the pole, holding the metal rod in place.

NB - The larger circle of the grooved connector should be facing down.

Slide the grooved connector down onto the pole and over the top of the plastic. Tightly screw the grooved connector in place, while still holding the metal rod. This will secure the metal rod with pant clip system to the pole. (Fig.F)



(Fig.F)



**Step.7** Insert the round plastic connector/storage hook (5.) onto the top of the pole on the garment steamer. (Fig.G)

NB – The round hook should be facing the front of the garment steamer.

Push the round plastic connector down the pole until it cannot be pushed down any further.



(Fig.G)

**Step.8** Take the extendable telescopic pole (2.) and unclip the black plastic clip (Fig.H). Extend the pole as far as required and secure desired height by closing the black plastic clip. (Fig.I)



(Fig.H)



(Fig.I)

**Step.9** Place the extendable telescopic pole (with open hole facing down) into the top of the round plastic connector already on the garment steamer. Align the pole and then lightly push down into place. (Fig.J)



(Fig.J)

**Step.10** Place the 360° rotatable hanger with pant clip system (6.) over the top of the pole.

NB – The pant clips on the hanger should be at the back of the garment steamer.

Hold the pole and then push the hanger down into place.  
(Fig.K)



(Fig.K)

The telescopic pole, hanger and duo pant clip system should now be in place. You are now ready to attach the hose and nozzle to the steamer.

### Attaching the Steamer Hose

To attach the steamer hose, insert the bottom of the steamer hose (9.) into the base of the garment steamer. Twist clockwise to secure in place.



1. Insert



2. Turn



3. Lock

### Removing the Steamer Hose

Ensure that the garment steamer has cooled down.

To remove the steamer hose, turn slowly counter clockwise to release.



1.



2.



3.

1. Push down    2. Turn counter clockwise    3. Continue turn until hose is released

**NB** – The steamer hose may be stiff upon removal from the box. The hose will relax after initial use and the handle will sit properly on the telescopic pole once the hose has relaxed.

## USING THE 360° ROTATABLE HANGER



This garment steamer includes a 360° rotatable hanger. To use the hanger, simply hang your garment over the hanger and turn as you wish. Each time you move the hanger around, it will automatically click and secure itself in place, for fast and easy use.

## USING THE PANT CLIP SYSTEM

The duo pant clip system provides best tension for steaming trousers and long garments. This unique system features adjustable pant clips, so you can adjust the width and height, allowing you to steam garments of any length.

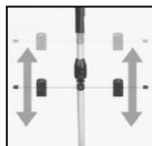
To use the duo pant clip system, rotate the metal rod with pant clip system (3.) until the pant clips are positioned up, facing the top of the steamer. Attach the bottom of the trousers to the top pant clips and the top of the trousers to the bottom pant clips. Depending on the height/length of the garment, you can stretch the trousers to the full height of the steamer to hold the trousers taut (Fig.L). To change the height of the duo pant clip system, simply unscrew and release the grooved connector and move the metal rod with pant clip system (3.) up or down as required (Fig.M).

To adjust the width of the duo pant clips, simply slide the pant clips from left to right and position as required.

NB – Some pants may be too long to use the bottom of the pant clips. Simply use the top clips on the hanger and let the bottom of the pants hang freely.



(Fig.L)



(Fig.M)

## CONNECTING THE ATTACHMENTS

Attachments should only be connected and removed from the nozzle when the steamer is switched off and the nozzle has cooled down. Once the steamer is switched off it should only take approx 15 to 30 seconds for the nozzle to cool.

This garment steamer includes two interchangeable attachments:



(Fig.N)

2-in-1 lint and bristle brush attachment for removing fluff and hair from garments, home furnishings and bedding. It is also great for fluffing up cushions, rugs and woollen underlays.



(Fig.O)

Press attachment creates professional creased results on pants, shirt sleeves and collars in the convenience of your own home.

**To attach the 2-in-1 lint and bristle brush** to the nozzle, simply align the bottom of the attachment with the bottom of the nozzle (Fig.N). Push the top of the attachment forward until it clicks into place. The 2-in1 lint and bristle bush should then be attached to the nozzle and is now ready to use.

**To use the 2-in-1 lint and bristle brush attachment**, use it in the same manner as you would steaming a garment, making sure the white lint brush section and black brush bristles are making contact with the fabric. Depending on the fabric being steamed, you may make direct contact with the fabric.

**To remove**, simply unclick the top of the attachment and pull away from the nozzle.

**To attach the press attachment** to the nozzle, turn the attachment upside down so that the clip on the attachment is closest to the handle of the nozzle (Fig.O). Align the bottom of the attachment with the bottom of the nozzle. Push the attachment up until it clicks into place. The press attachment should then be attached to the nozzle and is now ready to use.

**To use the press attachment,** simply open the press attachment by pushing the clip on the bottom of the nozzle away from you. The press attachment should now be open. Place the nozzle and press attachment at the top of the garment to be steamed, ensuring not to place the press attachment too far over the garment. Close the press attachment and hold the bottom of the garment taut. Slide the nozzle and press attachment down the garment to create a professional creased result.

**To remove,** hold the clip on the bottom of the attachment and pull away from the nozzle.

## **USING THE STORAGE HOOK**

The storage hook included with this steamer has two uses:

1. Use it to hold the steamer nozzle when changing garments on the hanger. Simply hook the back of the nozzle onto the side of the storage hook (Fig.P). Be careful when placing the steam nozzle on this hook as steam will still be emitting from the steamer, when the steamer is switched on. Always attach and remove the steamer nozzle by handling the cool-touch handle.
2. Use it as a storage hook to hold the two attachments when not in use.



(Fig.P)

## **WHAT IS THE NANO-SILVER CERAMIC COATING ON THE NOZZLE AND HOW DOES IT WORK?**

The nozzle on this steamer has a lightweight stainless steel surface that is coated with ceramic and nano-silver. The nano-silver ceramic coating works in two ways:

1. Ceramic coating provides even heat and steam distribution over the entire surface of the nozzle, helping to easily remove wrinkles and reduce hotspots on fabric.
2. Micro particles of nano silver refresh and rejuvenate fabric and remove unpleasant odours.

## **DUST MITES**

Dust mites flourish in warm, humid environments and need humidity of more than 50% year round to survive, making most coastal areas of Australia and New Zealand the perfect breeding ground.

Millions of dust mites exist in homes attached to fibres in carpet, bedding, pillows, sofas, rugs, throws, cushions, curtains, drapes and children's soft toys.

The mattress is the major breeding ground for dust mites. Depending on its age, a mattress may contain between 100,000 and 10 million dust mites and their eggs.

Using a steamer that emits steam hotter than 55°C is the best and most convenient way to eliminate dust mites from around the home. This steamer emits steam to 100°C.

## **OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **BEFORE FILLING THE WATER CONTAINER**

Turn the water container upside down and inspect to make sure the valve and spring assembly are functioning. Place the container in the reservoir and check that it is seated securely. If the container has been stored with water inside, it may be necessary to remove the water and clean the container. Refer to the instructions on 'CLEANING, STORING AND MAINTENANCE' for steps on how to clean and care for the water container.

### **FILLING THE WATER CONTAINER**

1. Before plugging in the appliance, remove the water container with the handle and turn upside down.
2. Unscrew the valve and spring assembly cap in the centre of the container.
3. Fill water container by holding the container under a source of cold or cool water. **Only use clean water for filling the steamer. In hard water areas, we recommend the use of distilled water. There is no need to fill with warm or hot water, as the steamer heats the water while producing steam.**

**NB - NEVER USE ADDITIVES SUCH AS SALT, PERFUME OR DYE WITH THIS STEAMER. THESE SUBSTANCES WILL CORRODE OR CLOG THE INTERNAL PARTS OF THE STEAMER.**

4. Fill the container to the desired level. Use the measurements on the side of the water container as a guide. Each measurement indicates the time length of steam the garment steamer will provide if it is filled to that level. Do not overfill the container. NB – the total capacity of the water container is 2.5 litres.
5. Screw the valve and spring assembly cap back onto the water container and return the container to the upright position.
6. Place the water container into reservoir in the base of the steamer and ensure that it is seated properly in the cavity.



## **OPERATING THE STEAMER**

1. Ensure that the steamer is assembled correctly and that the hose is connected securely to the base of the steamer.
2. Ensure that the on/off 'I/O' switch is set to the 'O' position.
3. Plug the steamer into a suitable power outlet.
4. Flick the on/off 'I/O' switch to the 'I' position. At this time the on/off switch will illuminate red to indicate that the steamer is switched on.
5. Steam will begin to emit from the nozzle after about 60 seconds.

**CAUTION:** Hose will be hot when in use. Avoid prolonged contact.

## **HOW TO STEAM**

This garment steamer has a powerful 1300 watts and provides up to 1½ hours of continuous steam (approx 105 minutes). It features an automatic safety cut-off system that switches the heater off when the water tank is empty, for safe and easy use.

The steamer is suitable for use on all types of fabric including cotton, polyester, nylon, elastane, denim, velvet, leather, wool, silk and delicate non-iron fabrics and fabrics with beading and embellishments.

The steamer is also great for all dry-clean only items - helping you to save time and money on expensive dry cleaner bills.

The steamer is also suitable for use on all home fabrics and soft furnishings such as curtains, rugs, cushions, sofas, bedding, mattresses, pillows and linen to help remove odours, kill dust mites and rejuvenate fabrics.

The unique nozzle on this steamer provides 30% more steam surface area when compared to a traditional T nozzle; and the design and triangle shape of the nozzle makes it easy to steam collars, sleeves, between and over buttons and between smaller areas of garments, ensuring perfect steam results everytime.

Depending on the type of garment/fabric to be steamed, there are several ways of steaming:

- 1a) Grasp the nozzle with the steam nozzle facing away from you.
- 1b) Begin at the bottom of the garment and hold the ends of the garment taut. Slowly move the nozzle from the bottom of the garment to the top, allowing the steam to rise over the garment. Smooth the fabric with your free hand.
- 2a) Grasp the nozzle with the steam nozzle facing away from you.
- 2b) Begin at the top of the garment and hold the ends of the garment taut, whilst steaming down the garment. Smooth the fabric with your free hand.
- 2c) You can also move the steam nozzle slowly sideways whilst steaming down the garment. .

**NB** - Be careful not to move the steamer nozzle too quickly over the garment/fabric when steaming, otherwise water droplets could begin forming on the nozzle and appearing on your fabric. Take your time whilst steaming, as this will provide the best result. Some garments are best steamed on the underside of the material. But, as you begin using the steamer, you will become much more familiar with steaming and you will find the most comfortable and efficient way to steam.

**NOTE:** Test fabric for colour fastness in a small inconspicuous spot. Drape linens, towels, handkerchiefs and napkins over a rod or place on a towel rack when steaming. Heavier garments and fabrics may require repeated steaming. Repeat steaming as necessary. It takes some practice to gain speed and efficiency and to learn that some fabrics require multiple steam applications.

**\*\*Do not directly touch velvet, silk or delicate fabrics with the nozzle. Lightly touch when steaming, to allow the to rise over the garment.**

**NB** - During operation the steamer hose may gurgle. This is a normal result of condensation collecting inside the hose. Simply lift the steamer nozzle and handle into an upright position until the hose is extended to full height, allowing the condensation to flow back into the base of the steamer. The gurgling will stop when the excess moisture inside the nozzle and hose has had a chance to flow back into the base of the steamer.

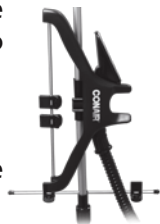
If you are steaming with the nozzle flat or upside down, condensation will collect inside the steamer nozzle and hose, causing water droplets to form near on the steamer nozzle. To avoid this, frequently lift the steam nozzle and hose into an upright position to allow the condensation to flow back into the base of the steamer.

### **TO STEAM DRAPES AND CURTAINS**

Wash and dry as directed in the instructions of your drapes and curtains. Re-hang drapes/curtains and then steam when in place.

## **CLEANING, STORING AND MAINTENANCE**

1. Turn the product off by flicking the on/off 'I/O' switch to the 'O' off position. Unplug from the power outlet.
2. Wait for the steamer to cool completely for at least 30 minutes.
3. Coil power cord loosely around the appliance.
4. Remove the steamer hose as per instructions in 'Step 2 – Attaching the Steamer Hose'.
5. Remove the water container from the base of the steamer. Unscrew valve and spring assembly and empty unused water. Allow to air dry.
6. Remove excess water from the reservoir in the base of the steamer by lifting the unit and pouring into a sink.
7. Replace water container.
8. Store the unit in an upright position.
9. To compact the steamer for more convenient storage (Fig.Q), simply:
  - a) remove the hanger
  - b) unclip the extendable telescopic pole and secure it to its' shortest height by re-clipping the black plastic clip
  - c) rotate the bottom rod with pant clips so that it is vertical and in-line with the pole
  - d) secure the hose in a circle and place the back of the nozzle over the storage hook
  - e) place the middle round section of the hanger into the clip on the front of the storage hook.



(Fig.Q)

### **Decalcification of Your Steamer**

If the appliance begins to produce steam more slowly than usual, stops producing steam and then starts again, you may need to decalcify your steamer.

Decalcification refers to removing the calcium deposits which can form over time on the metal parts of the steamer.

For best performance, decalcify the unit from time to time such as once a month, depending on how often you use the unit. The

frequency also depends on the hardness of the water used.

To decalcify, fill the water tank with a solution of 1/3 white vinegar and 2/3 water and replace the water container into its cavity in the base of the steamer. Place the nozzle head over a sink and switch the steamer on, to the 'I' position. Run the steamer until all of the liquid has steamed. Turn the steamer off, to the 'O' position, unplug from the power outlet and allow to cool for 30 minutes.

Remove the water container from the steamer and drain the remaining liquid from the tank and the cavity of the steamer.

Repeat the above procedure as many times as necessary until a normal steam rate returns, usually 2-3 times. With each repeated cycle, use a fresh solution of vinegar and water. Run one cycle of fresh, cold water after the completion of decalcification before using the steamer again to steam garments and fabrics.

## **TROUBLE SHOOTING**

<b>PROBLEM</b>	<b>POSSIBLE</b>	<b>CAUSE SOLUTION</b>
Steamer fails to heat	Steamer is not plugged in	Plug into power outlet and switch product on
No steam	Water level is low	Switch product off and refill water container
Water drips from nozzle	Condensation in hose	Hold the nozzle and hose vertically and allow water to drain back into unit
Nozzle gurgles	Condensation in hose	Hold the nozzle and hose vertically and allow water to drain back into the unit
Poor steaming performance	1. Steamer is not plugged in 2. Decalcification is necessary	1. Plug into power outlet 2. Follow steps for decalcification

**Note: Minerals in water will vary in different areas. To ensure continued operation of the steamer, never store without cleaning and removing excess water from the water container and the water reservoir.**

## LIMITED ONE YEAR WARRANTY

Conair Australia Pty Ltd. will repair or replace (at our option) your appliance free of charge for twelve months from the date of purchase if the appliance is defective of workmanship or materials. This warranty is an additional benefit and does not affect your legal rights. To obtain service under this warranty, please fill in and return the Warranty Registration as instructed.



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